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The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :— "Not with reference to this particular matter."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I enquire whether the hon. the Law Member is justified in stating constantly that he refuses to call for the information on the ground of public interests ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Is the question put to me ?"

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"Yes, Sir."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Mumber has no right to put the question to me."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"In reply to the same question last time the Government said that they had no information and now they say they do not think it necessary to call for the same. Sir, have we no privileges ? Is it not the duty of the Government to give us the information we want in the interests of the public ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I think the hon. Member has got various ways of expressing his dissatisfaction on the way in which the Government answer the questions put to them, and the budget time is the best opportunity."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether the hon. the Law Member is replying these questions, without going into the merits of the case, but merely from a personal knowledge of the particular officer concerned ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Yes, prima facie."

Jails

Improvement of the quality of water-supplied in the Coimbatore Central Jail.

* 1622 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the quality of water in the wells of the Coimbatore Central Jail, and if so, with what result ; and

(*b*) if no steps have so far been taken thereon, what steps Government propose to take now to give a better supply of water to the jail ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*)—All drinking water in the jail is regularly chlorinated and the chlorinated samples are reported to be of excellent quality by the Director of the King Institute of Preventive Medicine.

State Prisoners

Release of Mr. M. P. Narayana Menon.

* 1623 *Q.*—Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether an hon. Member of this House along with another gave an undertaking as required by the Government for the purpose of getting Mr. M. P. Narayana Menon released ?